



*The Lotos Club
5 East Sixty-sixth Street
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October 2, 2015

The Honorable Preet Bharara
U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York
One Saint Andrews Plaza
New York, NY 10007

Dear Mr. Bharara,

As chair of the Public Affairs Committee, it is our distinct privilege, together with my colleague (b)(6), (b)(7)c , to invite you to receive the Lotos Award of Distinction at a dinner to be held at the Lotos Club.

The Lotos Award of Distinction is given to distinguished men and women who, by their service to our community, play an important role in setting the agenda for public affairs. Our most recent honorees have included Police Commissioner Bill Bratton, Madeleine Albright, Boutros Boutros-Ghali, Rudolph Giuliani, Richard Haass, General Raymond T. Odierno, Jeh C. Johnson, Peter G. Peterson, Raymond W. Kelly, Paul Tagliabue, Glenn Hubbard, John Whitehead and Ismail Merchant. Also honored by Lotos are such public servants as Paul Volcker, James Wolfensohn and David Rockefeller.

In honor of India's 60th anniversary of their independence from the British Empire, the Club hosted a special dinner celebrating Indian culture. Among the notable people who participated in the event are Ross Kauffman, Academy Award-winning director and producer; Sree Sreenivasan, educator, journalist and technology expert; and Sundaram Tagore, executive director of Sundaram Tagore Gallery and grandson of poet Rabindranath Tagore.

Founded in 1870, the Lotos Club is one of the oldest literary and artistic clubs in the United States. An early member was Mark Twain. From its founding, the purpose of the Lotos Club has been "to promote social intercourse among journalists, literary men and women, artists, members of the musical and dramatic professions and such professional gentlemen and ladies of artistic tastes and inclinations."

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Public Affairs Evenings are among the most popular and best-attended events at the Lotos Club. The gathering features a cocktail reception beginning at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner at which the Award of Distinction recipient gives a talk (about twenty minutes or so) on a topic of his/her choice and then opens the floor to a brief question and answer period.

We invite you to bring a guest along to share in the evening and, in addition to a great meal and the Award of Distinction, you will receive Club privileges for one year. Enclosed is some material about Lotos to give you an idea of our role in the history of New York over the last 145 years.

Two dates that we have set aside are Thursday, January 14, 2016, or Thursday, April 14, 2016. If neither of these dates is convenient for you, we will work around your busy schedule to find a suitable date.

We do look forward to your response and, in the meantime, we are most sincerely grateful for the opportunity to write to you. Your staff can reach out at any time to discuss any questions you may have regarding the Club and our speaker community at

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